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The Lost and Found Auction took place at the Frendship Walk Central, drawing the attention of potential bidders.

EVENT

Going once, going twice

Students walked away with various items at bargain prices.

By Roslin Ojeda
Staff Writer

Attendees braved temperatures in the high 90s as students anxiously waited to see what thrifted bargains they could bag at the annual Lost and Found auction on Wednesday.

Cal State Long Beach's annual sale opened approximately 10 minutes early this year due to the growing line of students along Friendship Walk Central.

The open sale was held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m, with items varying from keychains to sunglasses and computer cases. Prices ranged from 25 cents to $5.

The auction of bigger items such as bicycles, skateboards and electronics was held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"I think the auction is pretty cool. I can't believe that they would have this on campus," said Bianca Valdivia, senior communications studies major. "I'm really happy with what I bought. I got this beautiful bike for $40 and I'll probably just use it to ride around Long Beach. I've always wanted one that looks like this."

The highest item sold at the auction was a beach cruiser that went for $155.

One lucky student walked away with a $7 bike.

"As the Support Services Manager, I guess I would be the main organizer, but my team does just as much organizing as I do," said Chris Ramirez. "I couldn't do it without them. My Lost and Found Guru, Gary Corbin organizes the Lost and Found Items throughout the year. His team deserves most of the credit."

According to Ramirez, funds collected from the auction are given back to the student body in the form of student scholarships.

"The auction was pretty interesting," said Catherine

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

ASI talks hate speech resolution

Student government discusses the caveats of distinguishing between free and hate speech.

By James Chow
Assistant News Editor

Hate speech became the recurring topic of contention during the Associated Students Inc. Senate meeting on Wednesday.

In light of the racial slurs vandalised on a stall in the men's bathroom and death threats made to La Raza Student Association, ASI senators have begun writing a reactionary resolution to address hate speech.

Senator-at-large Thulani Ngazimbi suggested taking action on hate speech after hearing about the two incidents.

"I really felt as though I was negligent that [hate speech] was affecting everyone including me," Ngazimbi said. "What we're trying to do...is to show students that we care about them, that none of the crimes or the graffiti that goes on flies by us. We're at least trying to show them that we're here for them."

Kevin Johnson, associate professor of communication studies, discussed the legal difficulties of implementing such a resolution. One potential problem presented was that the different individuals' definition of hate is contextual.

"If you use the word 'hate' in a provision, whose hate?" Johnson rhetorically asked. "Do you hate white people when you enact affirmative action...is this targeting African-Americans by being opposed to affirmative action or other racialized groups? That becomes a problem in its implementation because people form the juries. It could be implemented in different ways."

Johnson talked about the difficulties of implementing a proactive hate speech resolution. He recommended trying to find a middle ground between having provisions targeting a specific group and being so broad that the purpose is lost.

"To draft the resolution in

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CRIME

Rise in auto burglaries sparks campus concern

Students and faculty are looking for alternatives to increase parking security on campus.

By James Chow
Assistant News Editor

Cal State Long Beach students may need to look into taking the bus, as the number of burglaries in the parking lots is becoming more common.

An increase in auto burglaries has caught the attention of the University Police Department. According to Lt. Richard Goodwin, there were about half a dozen burglaries in Parking Structure 1 and 2 over the course of a month.

Matt Dunton, a second-year psychology major, suggested more attention toward parking enforcement.

"I feel safe parking on campus," Dunton said. "[Parking enforcement] could get a few more cars roaming around, catching thieves so everybody's car is more safe."

According to Goodwin, the items stolen in the recent auto burglaries were car batteries and personal property. Parking enforcement officers have also increased patrols in light of the crimes.

Despite the increasing thefts, students say they still feel safe parking on campus, but would still desire a bit more precautionary measures from parking enforcement in the lots.

Tiffany Lam, a second year health science major, said she only worries about parking on campus up to a certain time.

"When it gets dark and there are less cars in the school parking lots is when I actually start to worry about my car and the possibility of

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SCREENING

An inconvenient sequel now convenient

Al Gore's latest documentary will be screened at the University Theatre.

By Sahara Barba and Lilly Nguyen
Staff Writers

In a time where the existence of climate change has become a heated debate, students are being given the opportunity to learn about the issue at Cal State Long Beach.

On Oct. 26, a nationwide university screening of former Vice President Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power," (2017) will take place in the University Theater from 1:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Over 100 schools will be participating in the screening, including UCLA and Stanford University.

Gore's first film, "An Inconvenient Truth," centered around the present and future dangers associated with global warming at the turn of the century. Gore's follow-up film tackles contemporary threats to the environment, the world and the changes to come with an up-and-coming "energy revolution."

The two people leading the event on campus are honors program interim director Deborah Thien and resilience commitment coordinator Lily House-Peters, who have yet to see the sequel but have seen Gore's first documentary.

Reviews have been mixed since the sequel's release in July. Rotten Tomatoes gave it an overall positive rating at 78 percent, while IMDb gave it a mere 5.6 out of 10.

"An Inconvenient Sequel" follows Gore as he travels the world in an effort to meet activists and influence international climate policy, culminating in the signing of the Paris Agreement.

"Now, [global warming] feels more real and eye-opening," said junior Brianna Ortiz. "Especially with everything that's been going on right after another, I kind of feel like the hurricanes have to do a lot with global warming. The pollution and everything that we put in the air like the gas, I feel like it really does affect other places in the world."

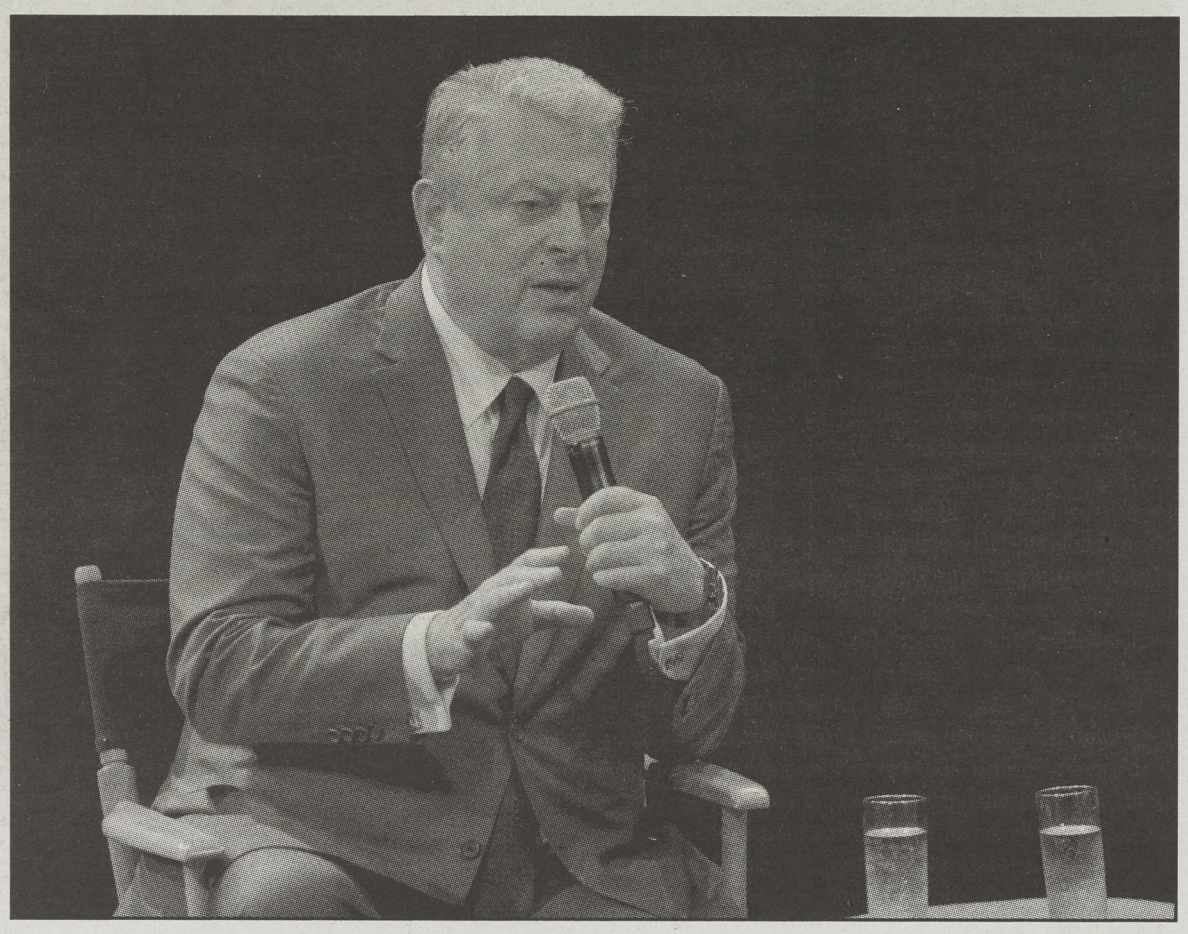
After the film, there will be a live nationwide Q&A session with Al Gore through Vimeo. Each participating school can submit one question for Gore and the top ten questions will be answered.

If there's extra time, Gore will be taking more questions on Twitter which can be sent using #beinconvenient.

According to the Pew Research Center, the majority of the world believes that global warming is a major problem, yet the United States, which follows just after China as a major carbon dioxide producer, is less concerned than other nations.

"Our students are the next generation of leaders who will be leading on environmental issues, social issues and the intersection of those things, so it's really important for them to understand where the world is now and see what is feasible," House-Peters said.

The film comes to campuses as a timely response to President Trump's eventual withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, making the U.S. one of only three countries (the other two being Nicaragua and Syria) that are not participating in the agreement.



Michael Nigro | Sipa USA
Al Gore participates in a post-screening Q&A for "An Inconvenient Sequal: Truth to Power" on July 19 in New York.

According to Trump, the consequences of the contract are unfair to the American public and its terms must be re-negotiated before the U.S. will fully consent to the agreement.

"The fascinating juxtaposition is that [Gore's] projections have become reality and at the same time, we're in this alternate reality politically where the opposite is true," Thien said. "There's the denial of climate change and the calling back of policies."

Tammy Phan, business accounting major, believes Trump's decision is a mistake.

"I think [not signing] is stupid," said Phan. "It affects all of us — nature and humans. This is clean air that I'm breathing."

The documentary screening is free and seating is first come, first serve. Screening the film requires a licensing fee of $725, which is being paid for by the Scholarly Intersections funds. The license includes the live Q&A, a curriculum and discussion guide, DVD and Blu-ray, and an unlimited amount of screenings on campus for a year.

While the film is available for screening, clubs can reach out to Thien or House-Peters to use it as a fundraising opportunity. Thien said seats in the University Theater are expected to fill up, so students should show up early.

"Students really want to be armed with more solutions, like what are the most effective things that are students can be doing at all levels," House-Peters said. "We get so much of the bad news and I think that always makes students say, 'What's the best thing I can do today, tomorrow and next year?'"

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such a way that it's broad enough to cover the areas that you want to in future cases but in doing so making sure that you're addressing those exact cases that you want to regulate," Johnson said.

During last week's meeting, Thomas Forman, electrical engineer major, spoke out against banning hate speech in the meeting's public comments. Although he said he did not condone the opinions of right wing idealist Milo Yiannopoulos, who has been a heated point of contention for coming to speak at Cal State Fullerton, Forman urged the senate to not stonewall controversial speakers.

"The only way to truly get across to them is to humanize them and see them as people with their own flaws, their own fears and have a genuine discussion removing politics from it," Forman said. "They are people at the end of the day."

The meeting also announced a revamp of Beachboard. The website and app will feature a new interface and offer a more mobile-friendly experience by allowing the posting of essays and discussions through phones.

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Jonathan Huer, director of instructional technology support services, said that the lack of mobile accessibility the current Beachboard has is a primary reason for the update.

"Student surveys showed that the number one concern was access around mobile devices," Huer said. "[We are] primarily trying to respond for the request toward that."

Rise passes at last week's ASI meeting

After multiple questions from senators and edits to reword clauses of the resolution, the third and final reading of Rise passed last Wednesday 17-0-5.

"Higher education is in crisis right now," Senator Yamagiwa said. "Tuition keeps increasing and it's going to keep increasing given the funding. We're trying to create a student movement to make higher education more accessible."

Now that Rise has passed through the senate, Lobby Corps, a sub-committee of ASI, will be looking at the campaign and helping it move forward on campus and in Sacramento.

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Marin, sophomore animation major.

"I was going to buy a new scooter which costs $70 on Amazon, but I bought this blue Razor scooter for $25. It's a little worn out but it's not that bad. I was determined to get myself a one today. I commute from LA and a scooter is pretty convenient."

Ramirez said his team researches the items online in order to find the fair market value to put them up for sale.

Items remaining in any of the eight lost and found locations on campus ranging from one year to one month leading up to the event are eligible to be auctioned off at the annual sale.

The bicycles auctioned off varied from worn out to practically brand new.

"I don't understand [how someone would forget their bike], I feel bad for the people who lost them. Some are new and I wonder how [those people] feel," said Valdivia.

During the final half hour of the sale, remaining items were sold at an additional 50 percent off.

CITY COUNCIL

Destination, Long Beach

Plan to increase tourism in Long Beach estimated to generate over $5.3 million in 2018.

By Cris Rivera
Staff Writer

> "It is beautiful to see our city from a tourist's lens... You have to be a tourist in your own city sometimes because that's when you really get to appreciate it."
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> *-Lena Gonzalez, City council representative*

Watch out Los Angeles, Long Beach wants to be the new tourist destination in Southern California.

"It is beautiful to see our city from a tourist's lens," said Lena Gonzalez, city council representative for district one. "You have to be a tourist in your own city sometimes because that's when you really get to appreciate it."

Steve Goodling, president and CEO of the Long Beach Convention and Visitors Bureau, spoke on the current and future state of tourism in Long Beach at the city council meeting Tuesday night.

In the presentation, Goodling discussed past and future clients of the convention center and possible additions in the future. A second Amazon headquarters may move into the center, along with an upgrade to the fountain in front of the Performing Arts Center.

"It's all about service," Goodling said. "We do not believe in transactional relationships. We form partnerships, we form long-term friendships so that we can ask for the business back."

Last week the arts center hosted TwitchCon, an event for fans of Twitch, a video platform and community for everything from video games and livestreams to Mr. Rogers marathons.

"All throughout our convention center all of the different breakout spaces were used," Goodling said. "Convention centers are becoming old school, they're looking for conference-style facilities. They're looking for places to network."

Goodling showed the council an animated video of how the proposed fountain would look.

"It's these type of spaces that are unique and different and we're beginning to be recognized for our innovation," he said.

Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia has requested for a fountain to be added at the Performing Arts Center for the last couple years, and voiced his approval of the idea.

"It's going to transform that space to an active space all year round," Garcia said. "It's going to be a special space."

The presentation also discussed the potential for a second Amazon headquarters and other sites to be built in Long Beach and Huntington Beach.

District five representative Stacy Mungo stated that she has been in contact with someone from Amazon, and read out loud a text she received from him.

"It's so awesome I hope that we pick you, it's not just the sunshine it's the people and you guys go all in every time," Mungo read.

Amazon has received 238 proposals, including one from the City of Long Beach, and is set to decide the location of its next headquarters sometime in 2018.

After the presentation, Long Beach resident Shirley Broussard had some concerns that there should be more focus on dedicating money to the homeless in Long Beach.

"What would the homeless say about that?" Broussard said. "There's no such thing as a homeless person, there are homes that have not found those people."

In response, councilmember Jeannine Pearce assured that money generated by tourism does in fact go to other areas that need funding.

"Funding the general fund is something that is really important and has allowed us to spend dollars on things like tackling the homeless challenge we have," Pearce said.



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A Honda Civic was stolen from the second level of Parking Structure 1.

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it being broken into," Lam said. "I think that the parking enforcement should monitor the parking lots and structures more. It's kind of scary."

Installing cameras has been offered as a possible alternative to protect cars from being burglarized. However the cost of such equipment is expensive.

"As for camera placement in the structures, this is a viable idea and one with definite merit. It is being addressed and a solution is pending," Goodwin said. "Such endeavors are costly, which is always a factor. That is not to say that the cost outweighs the good of such equipment. There are factors to weigh, such as placement, number of cameras necessary and privacy."

According to Ted Kadowaki, associate vice president of budgeting and university services, the campus is on-board with cameras in the parking structures.

"The campus is indeed currently looking into installing cameras in the parking structures," Kadowaki said. "I believe we are getting cost estimates as we speak. I think with three large structures and multiple floors, we're probably easily in the $100,000 range if not more."

Dunton agrees anything that could potentially improve parking safety, even the costly camera alternative.

"I think more cameras because if the guy does get away, you have a camera to find out who he is [and] where he goes," Dunton said. "If there are more personnel, it doesn't have to come to that."

For the time being, Goodwin suggests students and faculty put all belongings into the trunk of a car, or bring them along.

"Securing personal property out of site from the outside is a helpful measure to protect your property," Goodwin said. "By the way, putting a jacket over the laptop computer on the seat is not a good security measure. Many of the thieves know this trick. Secure property in the trunk or take them with you."

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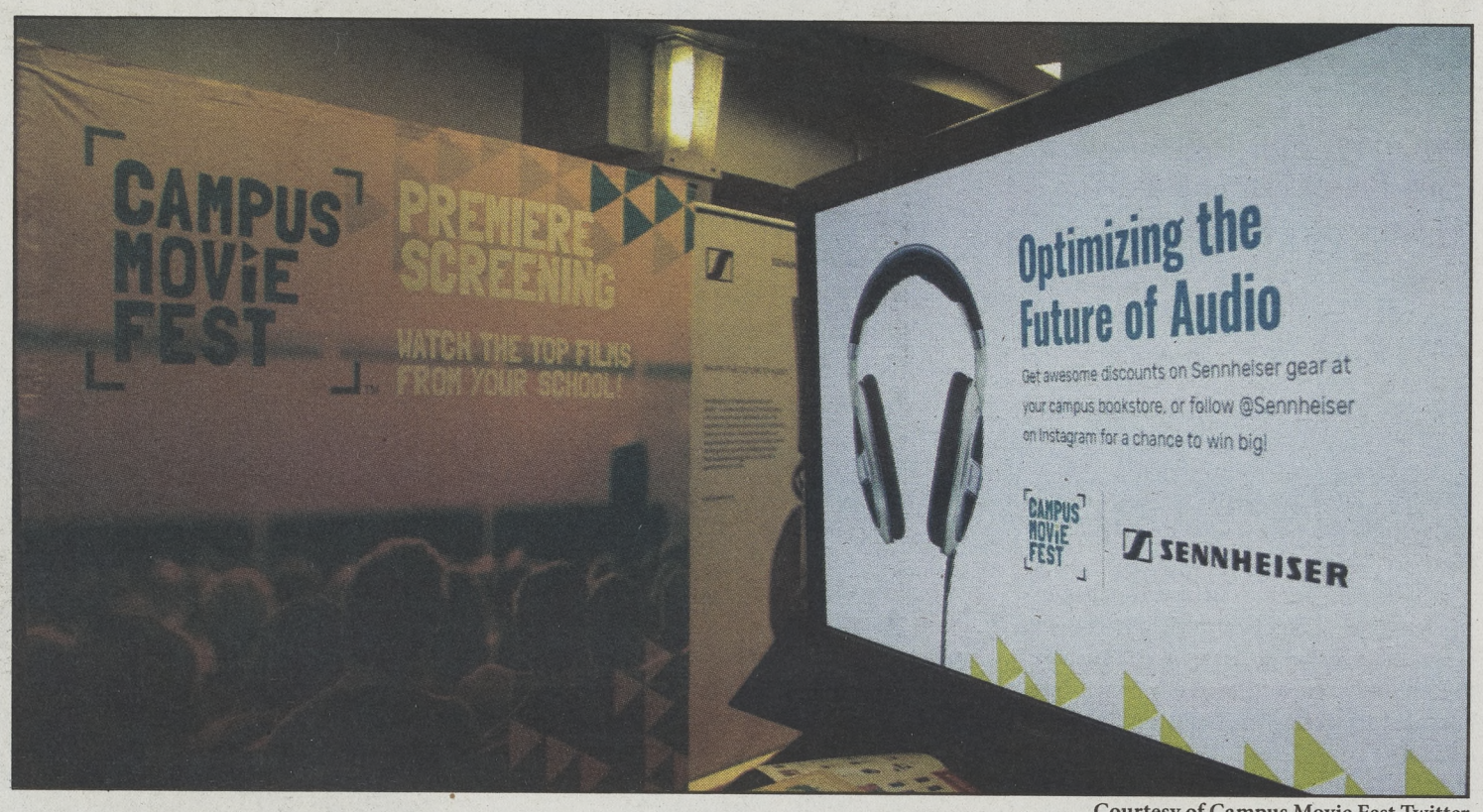
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PREVIEW

Five minutes to win it

The Campus Movie Fest gives students one week to make a five-minute short film.

By Carlos Villicana
Assistant Arts & Life Editor



Courtesy of Campus Movie Fest Twitter

Campus Movie Fest is the world's largest student-centered film festival, featuring films from CSULB students as well as other colleges.

Writing a script as well as shooting, scoring and editing a film can take years for even the most skilled team of filmmakers. The Campus Movie Fest dares participants to do all of that within one week.

The festival ends a four-year hiatus to challenge Cal State Long Beach students to create a five-minute short film from Oct. 31 - Nov. 2. The top 16 films from the university will be premiered at the Beach Auditorium on Nov. 13, then the top four will go on to represent their school at the national movie fest competition next June in Atlanta.

Crew members such as the director, editor and camera operators must be currently enrolled at the university, while actors can be drawn from anywhere. The festival will be providing some materials for free, but students are allowed to use any of their own resources during production. Equipment such as high-definition cameras, tripods, royalty-free music and laptops can be accessed with a student ID and one other form of identification.

"I'm of the opinion that restrictions bring out the creativity in us," said Joey Engelman, promotions manager of Campus Movie Fest. "So the fact that you have a week to make a five-minute video leads people to come up with some really interesting ways to tell a story."

The story is just one of the elements that an anonymous panel of judges will use to evaluate the submissions. Directing, acting and the films' ability to resonate with viewers will all be factored into determining which films receive awards in various categories as well as an opportunity to have their film screened at the Cannes International Film Festival in May.

Engelman stated that not only are students of all majors and experience levels welcome to join, but there are also no restrictions placed on the genre of the films.

"Most people that are participating have never touched equipment before. They've never made a video and that's what we're here for," Engelman said. "My favorite thing to tell people is that anything you want to make, we want to see it."

Many students learned of this event at the beginning of the week and quickly began to seek collaborators.

Junior film student Louie Mora and graduate business student Danny Zumer began to search for a team as soon as they learned about the event.

"It's challenging for us in a good way because it allows us to really see how well we work under pressure," Mora said.

In order to fill out their crew, the team has already communicated with clubs such as the CSULB Film Club and CSULB Blacklisters: Writing for the Screen.

"Our goal is to produce something with quality and strong emphasis on visuals," Zumer said. "Equipment is not always the most important thing as long as you've got a story that is very compelling, so it doesn't matter if you shoot with a low budget camera or a high-quality camera. It's your vision that you have to transport."

Though Mora and Zumer have experience with film productions, this is not the case with all participants. In fact some aren't filmmakers at all.

Daniel Kim and Daniel Ramos, both music composition seniors, are offering to compose scores for short films free of charge.

"We're in it for a lot of the same reasons that the filmmakers are," Ramos said.

Both Kim and Ramos see the event as a chance to network and develop professional relationships that can help both parties in the future.

"We understand that students don't have a lot of funds right now, and neither do we," Kim said. "The reason we're doing it for free is because both parties kind of have to mutually benefit from each other. I think that ultimately by this film fest happening and people getting their movies and their music out, we'll help all of us get to the points that we want to be in our careers."

Engelman, who participated in the festival during his senior year as a film student at the University of Central Florida, offered some advice to anyone interested in competing.

"Keep it simple…Usually the videos that do the best have one or two characters, one or two settings and one concept done well," Engelman said. "A short film calls for a simple idea because it's short."

To participate in the Campus Movie Fest, students can sign up at campusmoviefest.com/lbsu.

REVIEW

Psi chi brings scares on a college budget

The national honor society returns with their annual haunted house.

By Samantha Diaz
Arts & Life Editor

What's worse than a room full of dolls? The fear of being turned into one.

"We have a butcher and he's a single dad and he lost his daughter in a traumatic accident and his daughter loved dolls so as a way to remember her, he's killing people and turning them into dolls," said Juan Barraza, Psi Chi National Honor Society president, as we entered the small elevator adorned with photos of a little girl and bloody body parts.

Psychology Student Association and Psi Chi National Honor Society began their annual haunted house fundraiser Wednesday night at 6 p.m. in the basement of the psychology building. The courtyard features a Halloween-themed photo booth for students to have some fun using props and signs before going into the scary event.

The theme for this year's haunted descent is a haunted doll house, with a more disturbed twist to fit the Halloween theme.

"Everybody is like 'oh dolls are scary' but we wanted to make it twisted and creepier," Barraza said about this year's haunted house...

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Volunteers lurk around corners in the lower floor of the Psychology building, scaring attendees as they walk through the attraction.

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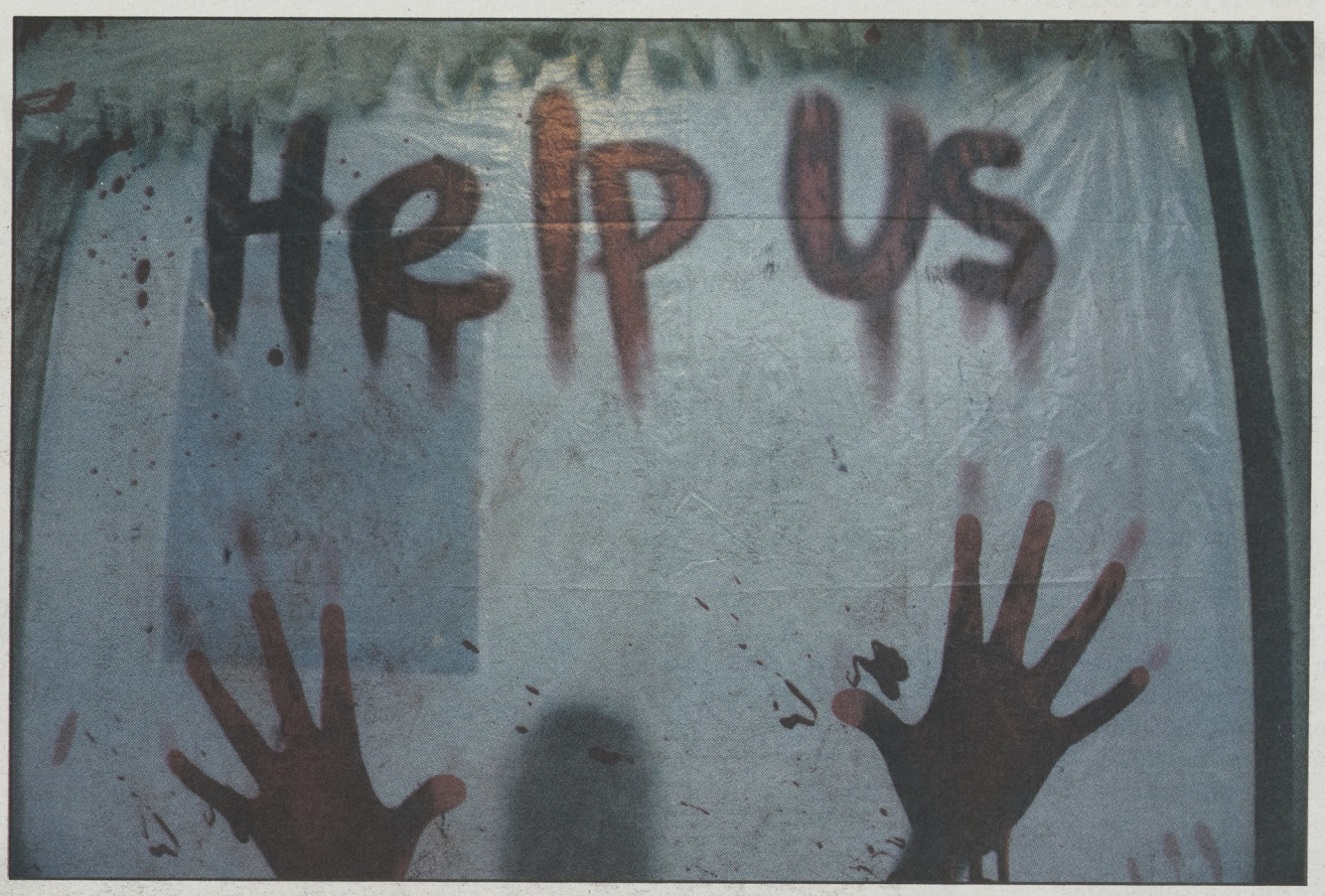
He thought of the theme with the PSA President, Michelle Kim.

After stepping off the elevator, I walked into an industrial-looking basement littered with spider webs, while eerie music filled the halls. One woman was sitting tied up to a chair, warning our group to turn back or we'd be turned into dolls.

Throughout the basement, I was greeted by multiple victims suffering from brutal and gruesome transformations, going from human to doll at the hands of the demented father. A girl lie screaming in a bloody bed as a woman in a doll mask hovered over her with a knife; a man begged for help, trying in vain to pull his doll mask off.

Walking through the dark basement, it was easy to appreciate the amount of effort put into the overall theme of the haunted house. Bloody doll masks were pinned to every wall, Barbies and other toys were given creepy makeovers, hung from the ceilings and scattered around the rooms. There was a shrine with what looked like pictures of a family decorated with candles and a little girl's toys.

Second year psychology major Alondra Perez worked in the event as a scare actor and talked about the preparation that went into the haunted house.



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Psi Chi International Honor Society and Psychology Student Association hosts a haunted house fundraiser in the quad at the Psychology building, hoping to draw in thrill seekers.

"[Psi Chi students] were here yesterday until 1 or 2 in the morning, so they were working pretty hard on this," Perez said. "I was originally just wanting to set up, I didn't actually want to scare but so far I'm having fun."

Just when I could see the light coming in from the outside, the disturbed father emerged from the dark dressed in a bloody apron, shaking the fence he hid behind in an attempt to try to get to our group.

The Psi Chi haunted house will run Thursday night from 6 - 10 p.m. in the psychology building's basement. Tickets are $3 with all proceeds going towards the Psi Chi National Honor Society.



POINT COUNTERPOINT

Paranormal or paranoia

What scares you this Halloween: ghosts or ICE?



Illustration by Dhina Hak | Daily 49er

The existence of the paranormal sparks debate during the Halloween season.

By Alba Mejia
Staff Writer

For some, the idea of paranormal existence seems unfathomable. But instead of disregarding the idea, they should be more open to it.

One can look at it through the lens of those who are devout in their religious or spiritual faiths. The idea of spirits from heaven and hell, such as angels and demons, are evident in many religions.

Although they take various forms, people have witnessed these beings time and time again. Some Haitians believe in vodou as part of Roman Catholicism, communicating with family spirits for protection. This is similar to some strains of Christianity; many Catholics believe to have witnessed God through prayer, hearing Him speaking to and protecting them with angels.

I am not one to deny other's paranormal encounters; just because people can't see each other's paranormal experiences doesn't mean they should be ignored.

Beyond more traditional faith encounters, others have been witness to paranormal activities in everyday situations. Recently, there were ghost sightings and supernatural occurrences at The Aurora Inn in Ohio near the bar and in some of the motel rooms. One of the long-time bartenders, Diane Sworan, claims she saw a female ghost dressed in a blue bonnet and apron. Moments later the ghost disappeared.

Experiences like this are very difficult to explain and some people use a fallacy called "the burden of proof" to claim that paranormal believers' defenses are weak.

For example, if someone says that possession by demons is real but they can't prove it because no one else can see them, non-believers use the burden of proof to discount the believer's story.

It's a very simple argument to fall back on; however, when it comes to the paranormal, there's very little that we can do at the moment to acquire tangible evidence.

We have to be open-minded to the possibilities. Humans are still evolving, and there are plenty of unknown phenomena which have not yet been explored by humankind. That doesn't necessarily mean that they don't exist.

There are people who have had near-death experiences and claim that they have died and come back to life with a second chance to live. They've claimed that they had a sensation or vision of the afterlife, which is astounding. These experiences cannot be measured by any type of human tool kit and should not be seen as falsehoods.

The concept of ghosts, demons and other supernatural beings existing should not be thrown aside as if it weren't real. There is so much that still needs to be uncovered by scientists and psychologists. We don't have the answer to everything.

By Hanna Suarez
Contributing Writer

There are a few reasons why I don't worry about ghosts or paranormal activity in general. The first and more practical reason is that I believe in the power of a full eight hours of sleep. I can't afford to stay up late and lose sleep over some disturbing horror s**t that I've read or watched.

This belief works in relationship with a few things — my own fear of mortality and the pain of physical trauma, coupled with my own radically secular beliefs that free me of fears of possession, evil spirits, etc.

I do believe that our minds are a terrifying place, and that our subconscious imaginations have their own way of twisting and altering the realities we see and hear to manifest some really f****d-up images.

But our dreams, like our perceived realities (what we think we see and hear), have logical explanations. Sometimes when I was a kid and couldn't sleep at night, I swore I could hear something reminiscent of a glass being placed on the kitchen counter, and I let my fear lock me into place. I let myself believe that Mr. Sandman was pouring himself a cold glass of milk. In reality, those incidents could have been assigned a number of logical explanations — none of which came to mind at that moment.

I think that staying away from horror films and media has made me less susceptible to irrational fears of paranormal activity. Alternatively, my own mom was watching original horror films like "The Omen" and "Dracula" when she was just a kid — and she continues to watch cult horror films. Not surprisingly, she strongly believes in paranormal activity, even claiming that she has seen spirits in broad daylight.

One day while my mom was visiting my apartment, she swore something brushed up against her, but I was in the other room. The building is like, a hundred years old, but I have no evidence to prove that there is a paranormal presence.

Okay, a couple weeks ago I ate an edible before bed, and I thought it was a dud but then it hit me. My mouth was dry, my head was spinning, and my cat was making these weird, inquisitive meows and staring up at nothing in particular. And I thought I could feel this presence and I couldn't fall asleep while my cat was chasing ghosts around the apartment. But cats are f*****g weirdos, especially at night! So why would I believe myself, why would anyone believe me, when there are logical explanations for these feelings of paranoia?

People! There's some really scary, f****d up s**t that goes on in the world, like, oh I don't know — climate change, state sanctioned genocide, the US Food and Drug Administration, the meatpacking industry, militarized border patrol, the Executive Cheeto and his white cheddar cracker cabinet. The list literally goes on and on. So, why the f**k am I gonna worry about ghosts and ghouls in a time like this?

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MEN'S WATER POLO

LBSU and Stanford clash in top-10 matchup



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LBSU sophomore Nemanja Bakic leads an attack in practice Wednesday.

No. 7 49ers look to upset No. 4 Stanford over the weekend.

By Alex Manfredi
Assistant Social Media Editor

The 49ers will look to make a statement and gain momentum heading into the final games of Golden Coast Conference play after losing their last nine games against teams ranked higher than them.

With the end of the regular season looming, the Long Beach State men's water polo team is due to pull off an upset win. Saturday's game against No. 4 Stanford will be the tenth game that LBSU has played against an opponent ranked in the top 5.

As of late, the defense has struggled to keep up with other teams' offensive attacks. Last Friday's win against No. 10 UC Santa Barbara proved to be a breakout game for the 49ers' defense, as they held the Gauchos to six goals and never trailed in the win. On Sunday, LBSU (11-10) regressed to some of its old ways against No. 2 Cal, as the Bears offense was too powerful in the 14-8 win.

This weekend's matchup against No. 4 Stanford will be another challenge for the defense. Stanford's offense is led by freshman Ben Hallock who has netted 44 goals on the season. The Cardinal roster isn't lacking talent either, with four players on Team USA water polo rosters including Blake Parrish, Tyler Abramson, Dylan Woodhead and goalkeeper Drew Holland.

"We're looking to lock them down as best as we can," LBSU junior defender Austin Stevenson said. "I mean [they've been] to the Olympics but I think there's a good matchup here between myself and the other guys on the team."

Long Beach's offense will push to keep things going behind 38 goals from sophomore attacker Austin Stewart and 29 from sophomore attacker Nemanja Bakic. After Saturday's game against Stanford, the 49ers will play an exhibition match against Long Beach City College at 3 p.m. The doubleheader Saturday will be the last home games of the year as the team heads into the Golden Coast Conference tournament Nov. 17-19.

"I think we're starting to feel more prepared," Stevenson said. "We've had our ups and downs with some games, but I think lately we've been working hard in practice and becoming better as a team so it's looking good for the end of the year."

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The biggest test of the 49ers' season

LBSU has two games left in the campaign to make a push for a Big West Conference Tournament spot.

By Marck Parra
Staff Writer

It's make-or-break time for the defending Big West Conference champions. The Long Beach State women's soccer team will need positive results from its next two games to have any chance of qualifying for this season's tournament.

LBSU (8-6-2, 2-3-1 Big West) currently find itself in a three-way tie for sixth place in the Big West Conference standings with seven points, sitting three points behind Cal State Fullerton who holds the final Tournament spot in fourth place.

First up for is an away game at 7 p.m. on Thursday against first-place Cal State Northridge (8-4-6, 4-1-2 Big West) with 14 points in the standings.

The Matadors are on a five-game unbeaten streak and have not lost a match since their Big West Opener in a 3-0 loss to Cal State Fullerton on Oct. 1.

Long Beach head coach Mauricio Ingrassia said the team needs to take it one game at a time while playing with the same tenacity it showed in its 3-0 victory against UC Riverside Sunday to make a push for a tournament spot.

"The team learned a lot on Sunday night [against UC Riverside] about themselves, so we're just focused on playing a decisive game against Northridge," Ingrassia said.

The 49ers and Matadors have already met once this season in a non-conference match on Aug. 18th at George Allen Field. Both teams split a point in a 1-1 double-overtime draw.

The last test of the season for the 49ers will be against third place UC Davis at 2 p.m. on Sunday at George Allen Field.

All final Big West Conference games will be played at 2 p.m. on Sunday in order to eliminate any competitive edge a team with an earlier match might have.

The 49ers and Aggies have yet to meet this season, but did play each other last season in a match that resulted in a 2-1 victory for Ingrassia's squad.

This time around, the 49ers will have their hands full against a strong UC Davis side that has only lost once in its last six games.

Although Long Beach has been plagued by injuries, the team is confident heading into the final stretch of the season.

"I honestly think we're really strong right now,"said freshman forward Rola Badawiya. "If we just keep playing how we played against UCR, we'll for sure get in tournament."



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Long Beach State freshman Rola Badawiya dribbles the ball in last Sunday's match on Oct. 22 against UC Riverside at George Allen Field.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

LBSU looks to end two game skid

The 49ers search for answers to get back on track this weekend.

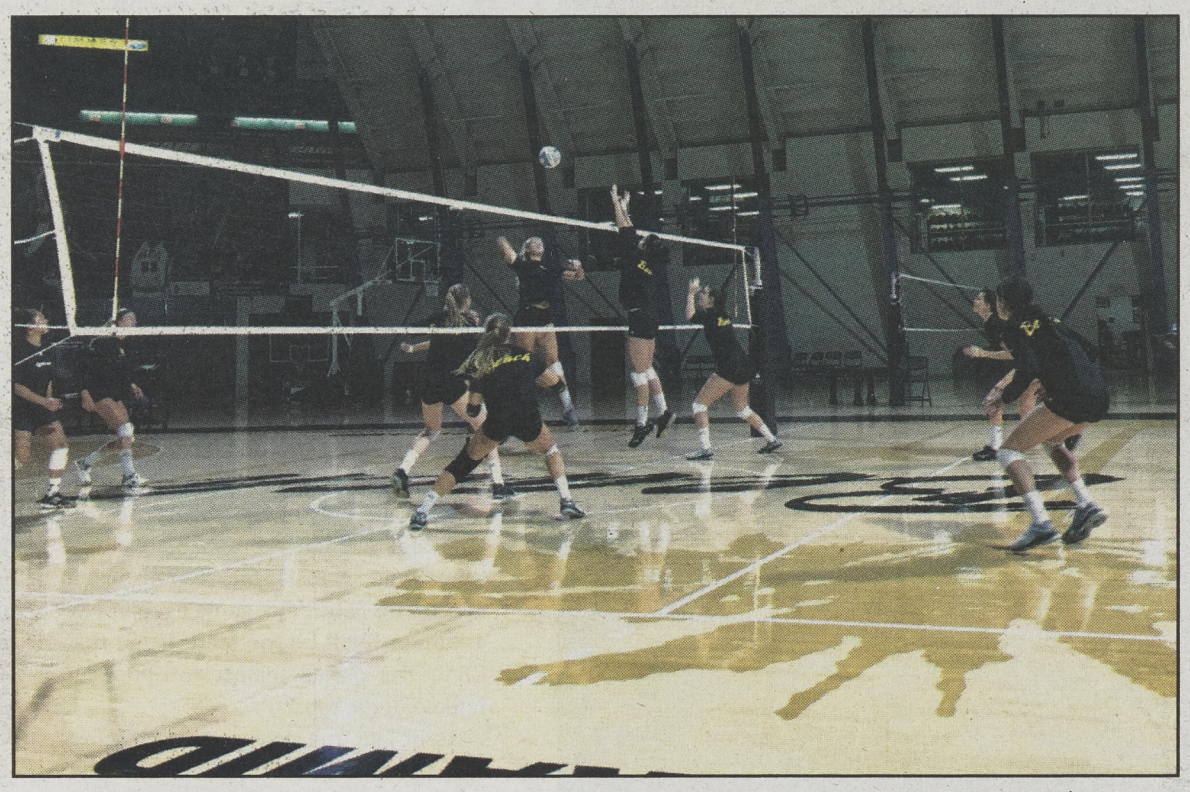
By Kevin Colindres
Staff Writer

It was a tough road trip for the Long Beach State women's volleyball team last weekend after they lost two games in a row against UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly.

LBSU (6-17, 3-7 Big West) has continued to struggle on the road (2-9), but will return to the Walter Pyramid for rematches against UC Davis (11-11, 3-6 Big West) and UC Irvine (6-15, 3-5 Big West).

The 49ers offense has taken a hit this season due to 2016 All-Big West First Team Ashley Murray being sidelined after suffering a concussion at the start of the season.

After two months of concussion protocol, the 6-foot-2 senior middle blocker has been cleared to play, but will be medical redshirting for the rest of the season. However, with only six games left, Murray will likely not return this season.



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The women's volleyball team scrimmages before its Big West Conference match against UC Davis.

Sophomore Hailey Harward continues to play outside hitter in the absence of multiple players, but has filled in nicely for the team. Harward had her best game of the season against UC Santa Barbara, posting a career-best 20 kills and adding eight digs.

"The transition to outside hitter to end the season has been fun and I'm excited to help the team finish strong," Harward said.

The 49ers last played the Aggies on Oct. 7 when Long Beach State hindered its chances of winning by starting the match off slow and gaining momentum later in the match. But it was not enough for the team to rally back.

"[UC] Davis did a much better job of running their offense, which set the pace of the match," said head coach Joy Mckienzie-Fuerbringer. "They out-dug us, so with both their offense and defense clicking it was hard for us to keep up."

Serving has become an issue for the 49ers, giving up a combined 19 service errors in their last two games. Mckienzie-Fuerbringer devoted this week's practice to serving and serve receiving by running drills and creating in-game situations.

"Our goal is to out-defend them this time and handle the ball well when it's on our side," Mckienzie-Fuerbringer said. "It's been hard for us on the road but we're glad to be back at the Pyramid."

The coaching staff is solely focused on taking on UC Davis Friday, but they have mentally prepared the team for the matchup with UC Irvine the following day as well.

"Both teams were flat when we last met, which didn't make for a great match," Mckienzie-Fuerbringer said. "We're at home now so I think it'll help bring energy to our team and make for a better match."

Expect an energetic crowd at the Walter Pyramid this weekend because this will be the first time in 12 years that the venue will sell alcohol. Sales will take place at both concession stands within the Pyramid.

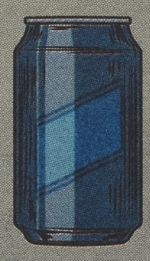
BOTTOMS UP

Season ticket holders, students and other fans in attendance at the women's volleyball game on **Thursday night** will experience the return of alcohol for purchase at the iconic Walter Pyramid.

49er Shops will take care of distribution from now on at Long Beach State sporting events. Fans can enjoy alcohol at the men's and women's basketball and volleyball games throughout the season, and sales will begin **60 minutes** before the scheduled start time of the sporting events. On Thursday, alcohol purchases will conclude once one team wins two games.

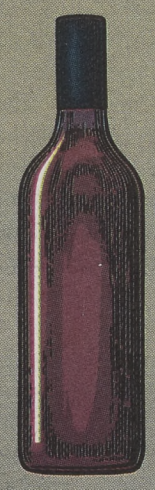


Draft/Craft Beers (16 oz.) - $10
Sculpin IPA
Kona Big Wave (Golden Ale)
Firestone 805
Coors Light
805



Canned Beers* - $8
Bud Light
Blue Moon
Heineken
Pyramid IPA

**served in a cup*



Wine - $6
Cabernet
Chardonnay

FAST FACTS
DISCONTINUATION SALE TIMES BY SPORT

- **Baseball:** End of the 7th inning
- **Beach Volleyball:** After first match is finished
- **Men's and Women's Volleyball:** When one team wins two games
- **Men's Basketball:** 10 minutes into the 2nd half
- **Soccer:** 10 minutes into the 2nd half
- **Softball:** Single game – end of the 5th inning; doubleheader - end of the 5th inning of second game
- **Tennis:** 2 hours after match starts
- **Track:** 1 hour before the last scheduled event of the day
- **Water Polo:** When half time ends
- **Women's Basketball:** End of the 3rd quarter

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